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Army to conduct vehicle brake tests in Jennerstown, traffic urged to stay alert, cautious

JENNERSTOWN, Pa. – The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., plans to conduct military vehicle brake testing along Jennerstown, Pa.'s, Route 30, between Jennerstown and the Grand View Mountain area, beginning the first week of August for approximately three weeks between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, part of the U.S. Army's Test and Evaluation Command, provides test and test support services for authorized customers, within the Department of Defense and outside the DoD, including government and non-government organizations, both foreign and domestic, according to Col. Gordon Graham, ATC commander.

ATC test experts essentially conduct experiments and tests to assure equipment is safe, suitable and survivable in the harshest of terrain and conditions, before it is fielded for use by the Soldier, explained Graham.

This test will specifically take a look at the Army's Stryker brake system.

ATC and private industry testing experts have used this road in the past due to the ideal hilly terrain of the road that produces stress on the vehicle's system for the most accurate and consistent testing environment and data as possible, explained Wade Harvey, Stryker Test Lead in ATC's Combat Vehicles Division.

"The Stryker being tested will be accompanied by escort vehicles," Harvey explained. Testing activities will include consecutive brake applications up and down hills as well as making occasional complete stops.

Safety First. Harvey encourages all drivers to stay vigilant, alert and to use caution when nearing or passing the vehicle. He advised drivers to stay behind the rear escort vehicle and only pass the convoy when it's legal and safe to do so.

“We hope this notice raises awareness among the local community so they are aware of the test event and will know how to proceed and safely navigate around the vehicle if encountered,” said Graham.

“We recognize and appreciate the continued support of our local communities and their role in our nation’s defense. After all, it’s the sons and daughters of these communities who comprise one of the best military service branches in the world, the United States Army.”

This test, and others like it executed within the Aberdeen Test Center directly support the Army’s Equipment Modernization Strategy aimed to leverage technology to provide Soldiers better and more advanced capabilities to protect our dominance on the combat environment.

“As the Army continues to modernize its equipment, tests like this one, provide Army decision makers with the information they need as they discern what equipment and capabilities gaps exist; how best to resolve those gaps and needs; and ultimately improve the equipment our Soldiers use while in operational environments,” said Graham.

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